

VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE
Democrat
Clean Elections Candidate

I worked hard to qualify as a Clean Elections candidate and helped pass this reform in the legislature for one very basic reason- it puts power back in the hands of voters and eliminates the influence of special interests.

My dedication to reforming politics and improving government are joined in the same mission- putting the real needs of people ahead of everything else. That's why I fought to create the Department of Children and Families to bring real reform to the state's Division of Youth and Family Services. I sponsored the Global Warming Response Act which will ensure a safe and healthy environment. As a member of the Highlands task force, I helped fight to protect thousands of acres of open space and clean drinking water for Bergen County. I've worked for immediate property tax relief in this year's budget- and I'm committed to fundamental, long-term property tax reform.

I've taken on the political establishment because it became self-serving- instead of serving people. The Bergen Record wrote, "(Huttle) had the audacity to do the job she was elected to do. In other words, Ms. Huttle made up her own mind about issues that came before her, and acted accordingly."

The Clean Elections program is so important because it is a very real step in changing politics and government for the better. Please come out and vote this November and make your voice heard.

GORDON M. JOHNSON
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I'm proud of the way my running mates and I qualified to become Clean Elections candidates. We did it the old fashioned way- we went door to door, we made our case person by person and we earned our support.

Standing up for what's right is nothing new to me. I served 30 years in law enforcement, served our nation as an Army officer in both Desert Storm and Operation Joint Endeavor - earning the Bronze Star and served as Bergen County's Sheriff. I took on local politicians who abused the power of their office and I've worked with community groups like the Red Cross and the Boys & Girls Club to help make a positive difference.

As your Assemblyman I relied on my law enforcement experience to co-write the law making it harder for terrorists to get access to bomb making materials and have supported new approaches to preventing gang violence.

I know how expensive it is to live in our area; that's why I've co-sponsored laws that helped New Jersey get its fair share of Federal Housing funds and to make health insurance more accessible. I've worked hard to bring back property tax relief to hard working families whether you own a home or rent an apartment.

Most of all, I understand that public service means helping the people you represent- not taking care of the political insiders. That's why I'm so pleased to be selected as a Clean Elections candidate where people come before the special interests.

LORETTA WEINBERG
Democrat
Clean Elections Candidate

All campaigns should be Clean Elections- but, sadly, we know that's just not the case. However, the Clean Elections program, which I am proud to have supported can fundamentally change campaigns, politics and government for the better.

I am excited to be part of this innovative effort to reform the old politics. By reducing the influence of special interests and political insiders and returning power to individual voters we are beginning the difficult job of restoring people's trust in their government.

Finding solutions to our toughest problems is why I first ran for office, and it's still my first priority. So I stood up to the gun lobby to create the nation's first smart gun legislation to protect our children. It's why I took on the insurance companies to force them to pay for at least 48 hours of after care for moms and their newborns. It's why I've fought for tax fairness to make corporations pay their fair share to relieve the burden on working families. It's why I worked to ban indoor smoking in New Jersey. There's more work to be done on property tax reform, ethics reform and making our schools the best they can be.

I've worked to clean up how politics is conducted my entire public life, and I've got the scars to show for it. That's why I'm thrilled to part of the Clean Elections program. Vote on November 6th to add your voice to making government work for people.